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## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

#### Members Present

Castro, Ben – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Committee  
Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego  
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado  
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's  
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial  
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont  
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla  
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response  
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College  
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

#### County Staff Present

Marcotte, R.N., Annie  
Murrin, R.N., Patti  
Stepanski, Barbara

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – North County Fire  
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire  
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla  
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD  
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise  
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA, Inc.  
Goldsmith, Donna – City of San Diego  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Murphy, R.N., Debi – Escondido Fire  
Nordt, M.D., Sean – UCSD  
Norris, R.N., Monica – Scripps Mercy  
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – City of San Diego  
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City  
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego  
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire  
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

## **I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Dunford, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Dr. Haynes and Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS, are attending the EMDAC meeting this date and won't be in attendance.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

From the previous minutes, it was noted that the word “taser” is spelled with an “s” rather than a “z”.

With the above-mentioned correction, MOTION made by Jim Harley, M.D., Seconded by Dan Davis, M.D., to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2006. MOTION carried.

## III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Jim Dunford, M.D. for Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

STEMI Update: The Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) met March 1, 2006 and voted to recommend that STEMI patients not go more than an additional five minutes transport to get to a hospital of patient’s choice. EMS is now working on the policies, data collection tools and performance improvement documents. Dr. Haynes will present more information on base decision-making at the April BSPC meeting.

Discussion ensued on the appropriate amount of time for transporting patients to cath labs and whether or not they should bypass a closer cath lab due to a patient requesting another hospital. Suggestions were made for anywhere from zero minutes to an hour, with the latter reason being because it takes about an hour for a cath lab to get up and running, regardless of how quickly the patient is brought into the hospital. There could be a difference between day and night hours as well as weekends. **Final recommendation was for 10.**

Stroke Update: The Stroke Task Force and its’ three subcommittees have met. The three subcommittees are the Early Recognition/Education, Acute Emergency Care and Inpatient. EMS will devise and distribute a questionnaire to the hospitals to try and determine actual capabilities and practice. The goal is to improve stroke care both in the hospitals, and improve community risk factors and response to symptoms. An award of \$20,000 was given by the County Board of Supervisors to the American Heart Association and the CHIP program for early education about stroke.

Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC): The group is hoping to conduct the off-load delay study in April, but one or more hospitals may not participate. The instrument will be revised to address their concerns and go ahead with the audit. If necessary, selected geographic areas of concern will be focused on. The capacity audit will continue to monitor the number of patients held twice a day.

Destination Report: Discussion ensued on this section on the Destination Report trial continuing through July 31, 2006, which gave a number of PEARLS from the BHNC’s that have come out of the first six months of the trial. **ACTION: Melody Dotson, R.N., will bring more information back next month at the April 18, 2006 BSPC meeting.**

## IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR’S RPT. (Melody Dotson, R.N.)

No discussion.

**V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)**

Dave Hoyt, M.D. will be leaving San Diego and going to work at UC Irvine effective July 1, 2006. The ROC grant is for an institution and not an individual so the grant will stay with UCSD and San Diego County. Dr. Davis will now become the Principle Site Investigator.

The Hypertonic Saline Study has now received all of its' approvals and is now going through the process of approval at each of the trauma centers and has gained preliminary approval at UCSD. There will be a press release from the National Institute of Health (NIH) this week regarding ROC clearing the way for community consultations and disclosures over the next month. Training will probably begin in May and into early June so agencies will be contacted about training opportunities.

The second study is The ROC Epistry in which Barbara Stepanski has taken the lead from County EMS. The Epistry is the data base for ROC studies. Outcome data will be collected primarily from the QCS.

CPR process data is going to be collected by new technology built into the defibrillator/monitors, amount of chest compressions, "time on the chest" and ventilations are the data which will be collected. ROC will work with each agency on how that's going to occur. It involves a new set of pads on the chest.

The anticipated start date of the cardiac arrest trial is late summer/early fall and has received preliminary approval from the FDA. That training will involve a hands-on portion.

**VI. PROTOCOL REVISIONS (Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

Discussion ensued and revisions were suggested on policies S-127, S-136, D-108 and D-109. Dr. Dunford suggested that a group work on these policies to make them more consistent with American Heart Association guidelines.

**VII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The State has approved San Diego County's HRSA Year Four application and the Statement of Work should be coming out soon. Hospital Administrators signed off and the contract is being finished. The State provides funds through HRSA grants to counties for purchasing disaster equipment.

The next County-wide disaster drill date has been established for Tuesday, May 23, 2006 around 5:00 p.m. The scenario will probably be an earthquake.

**VIII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)**

**(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

HACOT has not been meeting regularly but a subcommittee has been meeting to discuss the Avian Flu with a 180-day plan.

**IX. ROUNDTABLE**

No discussion.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS